

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action of 30 March 2007, wherein the Examiner has required an election between claims, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group III, i.e., claims 9-17 directed to a process for preparation of 2- and 4- picolines.

This election is made without prejudice to Applicants' right to file a divisional application or applications for the non-elected claims. Applicants respectfully request that the non-elected claims be held in abeyance pending Applicants decision as to the filing of divisional applications.

Applicants have now fully responded to the sole requirement in the Official Action and respectfully request an early examination on the merits of at least the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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